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Please amend the paragraph of the specification as follows:

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

High speed data transmission on the forward link can be achieved by concurrently transmitting data traffic over multiple code channels. The use of multiple code channels for data transmission is disclosed in ~~U.S. Patent Application No. 08/656,649~~, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,840 issued on January 12, 1999, entitled "~~METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING RATE SCHEDULED DATA IN A SPREAD SPECTRUM COMMUNICATION SYSTEM~~" "Spread Spectrum Communication System Which Defines Channel Groups Comprising Selected Channels That Are Additional to a Primary Channel and Transmits Group Messages During Call Set Up", filed May 31, 1996, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 27 with the following amended paragraph:

The discussion on the implementation and use of EIB transmission are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,568,483, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE FORMATTING OF DATA FOR TRANSMISSION", assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein. Furthermore, the use of forward link power control is discussed in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/283,308, now U.S. Patent No. 5,822,318, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING POWER IN A VARIABLE RATE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed July, 29, 1994, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/414,633, now ~~U.S. Patent No. 6,055,209~~ ^{abandoned}, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING FAST FORWARD POWER CONTROL IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed March 31, 1995, ~~U.S. Patent Application No. 08/559,386~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,137,840 issued on October 24, 2000, also entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING FAST FORWARD POWER CONTROL IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed

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~~November 15, 1995~~, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/722,763, now U.S. Patent No. 5,903,554, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING LINK QUALITY IN A SPREAD SPECTRUM COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed September 27, 1996, and U.S. Patent No. 08/710,335, now U.S. Patent No. 5,893,035, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING DISTRIBUTED FORWARD POWER CONTROL", filed September 16, 1996, which are assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.

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